

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4 with the following:

If the number of un-slipped PDLs is determined at step 604, the recording capacity totaling the number of up-slipped PDLs is excluded from the whole recording capacity (step ~~606~~ 605).

Since the defective blocks registered as PDLs are excluded from the logical sector numbers (LSNs) thereafter, no data can be written in the defective blocks.